

- (a) whether some amount out of Central assistance is yet to be released for several approved schemes of U.P.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof scheme-wise;
- (c) the concrete steps being taken by the Union Government to release funds to U.P. Government for the schemes sanctioned; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) to (d) Central Assistance for Annual Plan is provided to the State Government in the form of block grants and block loans in a consolidated manner which is not tied with any scheme/sector/programme etc. for financing the Annual Plan of the State. In turn, the State Government releases the funds to the various departments of State Government for implementing the developmental schemes.

In so far as releases for the Annual Plans of the state from Ministry of Finance is concerned, as against the Revised Plan outlay of Rs. 4027.40 crores for 1995-96, the State Government reported the total expenditure of Rs. 4260.50 crores. But there was shortfall in expenditure pertaining to the earmarked schemes of the order of Rs. 193.40 crores due to which proportionate cut of Rs. 72.20 crores was effected.

For the Annual Plan 1996-97, the State Government had reported full expenditure (actuals for first 9 months and anticipated for the last 3 months) against the revised outlay of Rs. 5281.74 crores for the year. Thus no cut was effected. The State has however yet to supply the actual expenditure for the year 1996-97.

Development of Backward Area of Rajasthan

2360. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of schemes submitted by Rajasthan Government for financial assistance during each of the last three years;

(b) the action/decision taken by the Union Government on the said schemes;

(c) the details of Schemes for development of backward/desert areas of Western Rajasthan approved by the Union Government during the last three years; and

(d) the amount sanctioned and released for development during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) During the last three years, two irrigation schemes viz. Meja Modernisation and Meja Feeder Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 31.62 crores and Narmada Canal Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 467.53 crores were approved for the State of Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) There are no specific Schemes/Projects for the development of backward areas and desert areas of Western Rajasthan. However, depending on the site location and the command area, irrigation schemes benefit both backward areas and in certain cases desert areas. In the Union Budget for 1996-97, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) was announced for completing the on-going irrigation projects. The details of the programmes proposed by the State Government under AIBP, the decision taken, amount sanctioned and released are annexed. In addition, for promoting industrialisation in backward areas of Rajasthan, 5 Growth Centres have also been approved upto March, 1997. The details regarding these Growth Centres are also given in the attached Statement.

(d) During the last three years, the details of outlays approved for irrigation sector are as under:-

	(Rs. Crores)		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1. Major & Medium Irrigation	271.84	328.00	301.65
2. Minor Irrigation	46.06	48.95	42.81
3. Command Area Development	81.49	93.81	98.60
4. Flood Control	6.99	8.65	11.35
Total	406.38	439.41	454.41

Statement

IRRIGATION & CAD

(Rs. Crores)			
Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Central Assistance	
		Sanctioned	Released
1	2	3	4
1.	Indira Gandhi Nahar	Not Sanctioned	-
2.	Jakhan	"	-
3.	Mahi	"	-

1	2	3	4
4. Gambhiri		"	
5. Jaisamand		1.85	0.925
6. Chappi		3.50	1.750
7. Sawan Bhadon		Not Sanctioned	-
8. Parwan Lift		"	-
9. Gang Canal		"	"
Total		5.35	2.675

The Central Assistance is also being provided to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project outside the State Plan under the Border Area Development Programme for the timely completion of the Project. The details of Central Assistance made available to Rajasthan during the last three years for IGNP and other Projects under Border Area Development Programme are given below :-

(Rs. Crores)

Year	Amount Released	
	Indira Gandhi Nahar Project	Other Projects under Border Area Development Programme
1994-95	60.00	20.44
1995-96	60.00	25.63
1996-97	60.00	25.63

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Growth Centres in Rajasthan

(Rs. Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Status	Funds Released	
			During last 3 years	Total Released
1.	Abu Road	Approved	8.00	10.00
2.	Bikaner	-do-	1.00	3.00
3.	Dholpur	-do-	2.00	2.50
4.	Jhalawar	-do-	2.50	3.00
5.	Bhilwara	Under Appraisal	-	0.50

[Translation]

Birth Rate

2361. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the field of family welfare

during the last three years and the extent to which the birth rate has declined;

(b) whether the cooperation of the N.G.Os and other agencies is being sought and the grants are being provided to them during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have received external assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the sources of external assistance and the fields where the same is being utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Decennial census of the country, among the other things, also assessed the Birth Rate. Annual changes in the Birth Rate are so small that these cannot be reliably assessed from year to year. In 1951 the Birth Rate in the country was assessed as 39.9, which has come down to 32.5 according to 1991 census. During last 3 years the programmes for Family Welfare have been effectively implemented, which would show their impact on key Family Welfare indicators that would be assessed during 2001 census.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. External assistance has been received for the development of infrastructure, material & human resource under the Family Welfare Programme from various agencies mainly World Bank, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, WHO, ODA, DANIDA & NORAD.

The projects assisted by the World Bank, UNICEF, DANIDA & ODA pertain to Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) Programme. The items included in these projects are vaccine, cold chain equipments, medical equipments, drug kits and specific operational activities, like, training, etc. The assistance received from USAID covers the areas of strengthening of survey/research capabilities of Population Research Centres and for innovative activities in family planning services in Uttar Pradesh. WHO has provided assistance to various institutions/collaborative centres involved in the area of Human Reproduction. Assistance from UNFPA has been utilised mainly for Area Development Projects in selected States and for population education project.

Kendriya Bhandar

2362. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :